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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY CONTROLS ON EXPORTS

REF: A) STATE 148224, B) 75 VIENNA 6510, (C) VIENNA 0260

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL (A), PARA 3, (A) TO (I), EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. EXPORT TAXES: AUSTRIA DOES NOT APPLY TAXES OR OTHER LEVIES TO EXPORTS, EXCEPT 0.3 PERCENT FEE COLLECTED ON ALL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS. PROCEEDS SERVE TO FINANCE EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES.

3. SPECIFICITY: IN REFTEL (B), EMBASSY REPORTED IN DETAIL AUSTRIAN EXPORT CONTROLS PROVIDING BTN NUMBERS AND EXPLICIT PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS. SINCE THAT MESSAGE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE:

A) EXPORT CONTROLS ON SUGAR AND SUGAR CONTAINING PRODUCTS REPORTED IN PARA 4 AND 5 OF REFTEL (B) WERE DIS-
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B) ON JULY 6, 1976, EXPORTS OF CEREAL STRAW AND HUSKS (BTN 12.09) AND VEGETABLE FEEDSTUFFS (BTN 12.10) WERE MADE SUBJECT TO FORMAL LICENSING. MEASURE WHICH IS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 31, 1977, PROMPTED BY SHORTAGES IN ANIMAL FEEDS DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT IN AUSTRIA AND WESTERN EUROPE.

4. COVERAGE: EXISTING EXPORT CONTROLS APPLY TO ALL EXPORTS REGARDLESS OF REGIONAL ORIGIN.

5. EXPORT QUOTAS: EXPORT PERMITS ARE NOT ISSUED

WITHIN PREDETERMINED QUOTAS. WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT IS ISSUED IS DETERMINED FROM CASE TO CASE BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES BASED ON SUPPLY, PRICE AND OTHER RELEVANT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

6. EXPORT LICENSES: EXPORT LICENSES ARE NOT PRIMARILY A STATISTICAL TOOL BUT SERVE TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY. RATIONALE BEHIND EXISTING EXPORT CONTROLS OUTLINED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL (B) AND IN REF C. NO SPECIAL EXCHANGE RATES FOR EXPORTS.

7. STATE MONOPOLIES: THE EXPORTATION OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY STATE MONOPOLIES (TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, SALT) IS NOT RESTRICTED BY QUOTAS, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OR OTHER CONTROLS.

8. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS: IN NO INSTANCE ARE EXPORTS CONTROLLED TO FULFILL CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN GOA AND MNC'S.

9. SOURCES: NO PRIVATE SECTOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING EXPORT CONTROLS HAVE COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION.

10. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IN CONTEXT OF MTN ONLY AUSTRIAN EXPORT CONTROLS OF ANY IMPORTANCE ARE THOSE RESTRICTING EXPORTATION OF METAL SCRAP AND USED UNCLASSIFIED

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GOODS COVERED BY BTN CHAPTERS 73 TO 89 AND 93 (METAL CHAPTERS). MEEHAN

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